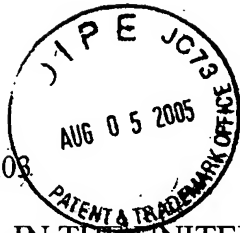


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Sir:

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action of June 14, 2005, in which a two-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections in the *Ex parte Quayle* Action, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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